

# Lawrencetown & Kiltormer

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## Second Sunday of Advent - 10 December 2017

<u>Masses:</u>	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Christy Higgins (birthday remembrance)
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Marcella Donnelly
	L. Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Gus Hanrahan
	K. Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Johnny Lynch
	L. Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.	November Mass for the Holy Souls
	K. Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	Mary & Michael Ward and Mary Keogh
	L. Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Noel Brennan
	K. Saturday:	8:00 p.m.	Margaret and Liam Tierney
	L. Sunday:	11:30 a.m.	Peter and Agnes Naughton

Confessions: Saturday, 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. in Lawrencetown; 12:45 – 1:15 p.m. in Kiltormer.



An Induction Loop System has been provided in Lawrencetown church to assist Hearing Aid Users. Please switch your Hearing Aid to the 'T' position.

There will be adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Lawrencetown church tomorrow (Monday) from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and in Kiltormer church on Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please give some of this time to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Mass servers this week: Kiltormer—Gearóid Markham, Louis Markham, Amanda Brien; Lawrencetown—Katie Cahill, Ruth Kilkenny, Hannah Kilkenny. Next week: Adam's and Luke's groups. Readers next weekend (L)—Colette Breheny, (K)—Ailish Glynn. Eucharistic minister (K)—Ailish Glynn.

Next Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent. The readings at Mass are Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8,19-28.

If you did not attend a station this year, please put €20 (station dues €6, fuel €14) in an envelope with your name and station area and hand it in as soon as possible. Thanks to all who have already done so.

Thank you for your contributions to the door collection last weekend—€233.90 (L), €327 (K), to the church refurbishment collection—€69.80 (L) and to the Mission collection—€496 (L) (40 envelopes), €472 (K) (32 envelopes).

EWTN TV (Sky #589). Programmes every day include *Holy Mass* at 1:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (not Sunday) and 11:00 p.m., *Holy Rosary* at 12:30 p.m. and *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* at 3:00 p.m. Also this week, children's programmes at 3:30 p.m. include *Saints in Training* on Monday, *What is Advent* on Tuesday, *Advent Special* on Wednesday, *The Mysteries of Light* on Thursday, *The Way of the Cross for Kids* on Friday and *Giving Thanks* on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. *Web of Faith* is today (Sunday) at 6:00 a.m. and Monday at 5:00 p.m. *Reflections on Advent* is today at 7:00 a.m. and Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. *EWTN Pro-Life Weekly* is today at 7:30 a.m. and Monday at 7:30 p.m. *The Choices We Face* is today at 9:30 a.m. and Thursday at 2:00 p.m. *Angelus with Pope Francis* is today at 11:00 a.m. *Catholics Come Home* is today at 2:30 p.m., Monday at 10:00 p.m. and Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. *Praying as a Family* is today at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.m. *Catholic View for Women* is on Monday at 8:00 a.m. and Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. A series: *Women of Grace* is Monday to Friday at 4:30 p.m. *The Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe* is Monday at 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. *Defending Life* is Monday at 10:30 p.m. *Battle Ready* is Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. & 10:30 p.m. and Friday at 5:30 p.m. *Household of Faith* is Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. *Holy Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with Pope Francis* is Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. *Living Right with Dr. Ray* is on Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. *Papal Audience* is on Wednesday at 8:50 a.m. *Jesus Christ: True God and True Man* is Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. *Pure in Heart* is Wednesday at 9:00 p.m. and Thursday at 8:00 a.m. *Father Spitzer's Universe* is on Thursday at 6:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. *Diamonds from Daniel* is Thursday 7:00 p.m. *Called to Communion* is Friday at 10:00 a.m. & Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Community Carol Service and Nativity Play will take place on Wednesday 20th December @ 7.30pm in Lawrencetown Church. All are welcome to attend and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas: the birth of Jesus. Refreshments afterwards in the Community Hall.

Calling all singers and musicians!! The Lawrencetown Community Carol Service & Nativity will take place on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December. We are inviting anyone who would like to take part in the choir/play an instrument to attend rehearsals this Tuesday at 7pm in The Church. Please come along. ALL VERY WELCOME.

Ladies of the Lawrencetown Altar Society are asked to come to the church at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December to set up the crib and clean the church for Christmas. Anyone else who is free is welcome.

Santa and his elves will visit Lawrencetown Hall on Saturday 16th December @ 6pm - Come enjoy the festivities, dance around the mistletoe, and don't forget your Christmas Jumpers. FREE Event"

Kiltormer N.S. school concert on in the Complex on Mon 18th Dec @ 7p.m. All welcome. Raffle on the night. Admission free.

Kiltormer N.S. have an adult library book section now. Bring a book/borrow a book- No charge. Daily times -Mon to Fri 9.05 a.m., 11 am, 12.45 p.m., 2.45p.m.

The annual collection for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be taken up this weekend. In both churches the loose money in the offertory collection will be for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Please be generous. Many people in the local and surrounding area depend on them for help.

Doctor on call for emergencies on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec & Sun 10<sup>th</sup>: Dr. Niall McGauran ☎ 087 2616412; Fri night 15<sup>th</sup> Dec until Sat 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.: Dunlo Medical Centre ☎ 087 6254783, Sat 16<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 p.m. & Sun 17<sup>th</sup>: Marina House Medical Centre ☎ 087 2030217.

Kiltormer GAA Club Lotto: Last week's numbers: 19, 23, 24, 26. No jackpot winner. Lucky dip: Fergus Reilly, Amanda & Averil Glynn, Mike Heffernan, Martin Coen, Helena Hopkins. Seller's prize: Donie Campbell. House prize: Paddy Mollaghan. The draw this Saturday for €3,400 is in Pardy's

Banagher College Coláiste na Sionna, Transition Year class present, 'Beauty and the Beast' by Mr Jared Madden, starring Chloe Reilly and Rachel Carroll, in The School Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday the 13th and Thursday the 14th of December. Tickets at the door, adults €10.00 and children €5.00. A great nights' entertainment is promised. Raffle each night sponsored by local traders.

Sleeping Beauty, the Ballinasloe Panto, starring Jessica Mannion and Sophie Quinn (Kilormer N.S.), will be presented in the Town Hall this week, Monday to Saturday at 7:30 p.m. with matinees at 2:30 p.m. next Saturday and Sunday.

Killimor Camogie Club presents Kiltullagh Community Choir in St. Josephs Church Killimor on Friday Dec 15th at 8pm for an evening of uplifting music with a Christmas theme, tickets are available in many locations please contact 0852098781 for more information.

### U-turns allowed (and needed)

Everyone enjoys the finished product: iced cakes and pastries, a finely served dinner, a beautiful home, a well-raised family, a sublime symphony. But how many enjoy the preparation? Very few: for the most part we don't like preparation work. We would rather be on the trip than packing for it – or living in the house than building it.

Life requires preparation. It's messy, but it's in the preparation we win or lose. As any carpenter (like Jesus) will tell you, it's better to measure twice and saw once. Preparation far exceeds performance time, but repairing takes even longer.

There is nothing wrong with our basic Christmas preparations: Christmas trees and tinsel and angels and a child's delight at the unwrapping of gifts and sweets and toys and feasts and laughter and sparkling eyes and pensive memories. All those things that make Christmas special should not be swept away.

But the question is whether they can become an expression of a profound reality. Our task at Christmas is not to chop down the tree of celebration, but rather to rediscover the real cause of celebration. Namely: God is with you in your own individual wilderness. Make sure not to leave CHRIST out of CHRISTmas. Your cards, your decorations should remind us that it is Christ's birthday that we are celebrating.

Prepare well.

(from Another Angle by Fr Tom Cox in Intercom)

### Seeing Your Life through the Lens of the Gospels

1. John the Baptist is presented as a messenger to prepare the way for Jesus. Who have been messengers to you, preparing the way for the Lord by alerting you to ways in which you could improve your life? To whom have you been such a messenger?

2. John calls the people to repentance (i.e. a change of heart), as a way to a new life. Can you recall times when you had a change of heart, and the change led to new life for you?

3. John baptised people with water as a gesture to mark their change of heart. Sometimes we perform an action to symbolise our change of heart – write a letter, throw away our last cigarettes, etc. Can you remember a symbolic gesture with which you marked a change of heart?

(by John Byrne osa in Intercom)